

REMARKS

The present communication is responsive to the Non-Final official action mailed March 4, 2002.

The Examiner has objected to Figure 4 as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) due to the inclusion of a reference character ("495") not mentioned in the specification. Applicant respectfully notes that page 11, lines 6-7 include a reference to "495" as depicted in Figure 4. Therefore, the Examiner's objection to Figure 4 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 6, 8, 14, 18, 26, and 27 on the basis of certain alleged informalities. In addition, the Examiner has requested that certain corrections be made to the specification. The Applicant has respectfully taken into consideration each of the Examiner's suggestions and has amended the claims and specification accordingly.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as lacking the formality of antecedent basis. The Examiner suggested that Claims 5 and 6 would be placed in a condition for allowance if the claims were rewritten to incorporate all the limitations of the base claim. Applicants have rewritten claim 5 as an independent claim and have addressed the § 112 lack of antecedent basis rejection.

Claim 10 was objected to as being dependent upon rejected base Claim 8. To overcome the objection, Applicant has rewritten Claim 10 to include all of the limitations of base Claim 8 and intervening Claim 9.

Claims 8, 9, and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,826,160 (Wang et al). Applicant has canceled the claims but notes that it does not agree with all of the Examiner's assertions with respect to Wang et al., such as what is taught by the background.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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